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Reference: 12 Day Pre-Primary (7/01/00-8/02/00), 12 Day Pre-Primary (7/01/00-8/16/00) and 12 Day Pre-Primary (7/01/00-8/23/00) Reports

Dear Mr. Kern:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your Committee has filed what appears to be 12 Day reports preceding the Primary elections in Alaska, Florida, Nevada, and New York. Please be advised, the coverage dates for those reports were:

Alaska 7/01/00 through 8/02/00

Florida
and Nevada 8/03/00 through 8/16/00

New York 8/17/00 through 8/23/00

Committees that file reports with incorrect or overlapping coverage dates containing financial activity that either falls outside the reporting period, or is disclosed on another report create difficulties in accounting for cash flow from one report to another (REMINDER: A reporting period always begins the day after the closing date of the last report filed). These difficulties materialize as mathematical discrepancies contained in the beginning and ending cash balances, calendar year and aggregate year-to-date totals, and affect the disclosure of contributions to federal candidates.

In addition, only those committees that make contributions or expenditures (including both in-kind or direct contributions and independent expenditures) in connection with an election must file the Pre-Election Reports, if the activity was not previously reported. See the January 2000 Record.

Please amend your 12 Day Pre-Primary reports to include the activity that occurred during each of the above coverage dates. In addition, please amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward D. Ryan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward D. Ryan
Reports Analyst
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